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Island Airport Safety Committee convenes on Aruba to audit Reina Beatrix Airport



AAA Management team and IASC delegates

The sixth session of the Island Airport Safety Committee, IASC, began on Monday afternoon, June 6, and will continue through the week, ending on Friday, June 10. Peter Steinmetz, CEO of the Aruba Airport Authority welcomed more than 15 airport executives from Curacao, St Eustatius, Saba, Bonaire, St. Martaan, and this year, for the first time, Suriname and Jamaica.

IASC was formed in 2006 as a means for the islands of Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles to share information and

improve the quality of airport safety, particularly on the air-side operation of each airport.

Outgoing IASC President Anastacio Baker, Quality Assurance Manager of Queen Juliana Airport in St. Maarten, expressed great satisfaction of the increase participation in this years audit; IASC welcomes the possibility of increasing their membership to someday include the participation of all the islands of the region with airports.

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Searchers end Paris-Rio crash salvaging

PARIS, France (AFP) - Salvage teams have ended their mission to dredge up bodies and wreckage of the Air France flight that crashed into the Atlantic in 2009 and will bring them to France next week, authorities said yesterday.

The BEA aviation authority investigating the crash, in which all 228 people on board died, said in a statement that the salvage ship Ile de Sein ended its deep-sea winching operations on Friday.

It is heading to the Canary Islands and then "in the course of next week" to southwestern France, "where the airplane parts will be transferred to a hangar... in Toulouse and the human remains taken to a forensic mortuary."

The Airbus A330 crashed en route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris on June 1, 2009. It took investigators until last month

to salvage the plane's black-box flight recorders and some of the bodies from the wreck on the ocean bed.

The first two bodies to be retrieved were still strapped into their seats.

Forensic experts in Toulouse, France, will try to identify the remains.

According to information from the flight data recorders, released earlier by the BEA, the pilots saw conflicting speeds on their instruments as the plane stalled and fell into the sea.

Investigators have been working on the theory that the speed probes malfunctioned because of ice at high altitude.

Rescue workers recovered 50 bodies in the days immediately after the crash and at least further 75 bodies in May after locating the wreck.

The BEA is due to deliver a report in July on the causes of the crash.

'Dramatic' solar flare could disrupt Earth communications

WASHINGTON (AFP) - An unusual solar flare observed by a NASA space observatory on Tuesday could cause some disruptions to satellite communications and power on Earth over the next day or so, officials said.

The potent blast from the Sun unleashed a firestorm of radiation on a level not witnessed since 2006, and will likely lead to moderate geomagnetic storm activity by Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

"We saw the initial flare occurring and it wasn't that big but then the eruption associated with it -- we got energy particle radiation flowing in and we got a big coronal mass injection," "You can see all the materials blasting up from the Sun so it is quite fantastic to look at," said Bill Murtagh, program coordinator at the National Weather Service's Space Weather Prediction Center.

NASA's solar dynamics ob-

servatory, which launched last year and provided the high-definition pictures and video of the event, described it as "visually spectacular," but noted that since the eruption was not pointed directly at Earth, the effects were expected to remain "fairly small."

"The Solar Radiation Storm includes a significant contribution of high energy (>100 MeV) protons, the first such occurrence of an event of that type since December 2006," the NWS said.

The resulting geomagnetic storm could cause some dis-

ruption in power grids, satellites that operate global positioning systems and other devices, and may lead to some rerouting of flights over the polar regions, Murtagh said.

"If you fly from the United States to Asia, flying over the North Pole, there are well over a dozen flights every day," he added.

"During these big radiation storms some of these airlines will reroute the flights away from the polar regions for safety reasons to make sure they can maintain communications."

Chile volcano ash disrupts regional air travel

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AFP) - Dozens of South American flights had to be scrapped Tuesday because of the huge cloud of volcanic ash spewing from a Chilean volcano, as fears grew of possible landslides near the eruption.

So far 4,000 people have been evacuated from 22 rural Chilean communities surrounding the Puyehue volcano, which rumbled to life on Saturday after showing no activity since 1960, when it erupted following a magnitude 9.5 earthquake.

Northwesterly winds on Tuesday pushed the giant column of ash over parts of southern Argentina, as Chilean officials visited houses urging residents to leave the remote region below the volcano, which stands at 2,240 meters (7,350 feet) above sea level.

In Argentina, an airport official said 32 flights were canceled at the Buenos Aires Ezeiza international airport and 30 others at the Aeroparque de

Buenos Aires, which flies to domestic and regional destinations.

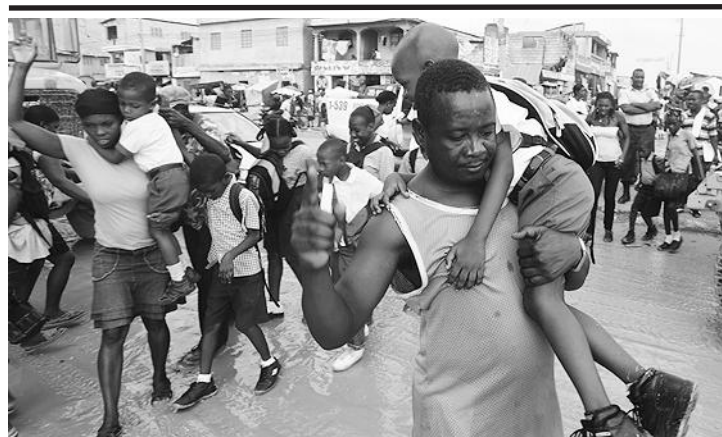
In Sao Paulo, the Brazilian airports authority told AFP that 10 flights bound for Argentina had been canceled due to the ash cloud drifting over.

Meteorologists said a portion of the cloud had moved as far as the region of Buenos Aires, even though at 5,000 meters (16,000 feet) high it was not visible to residents.

Uruguay also was in "a zone at risk" meteorologist Laura Vanoli told AFP in Montevideo.

Because of the potential danger to jet engines, numerous carriers and aviation authorities were scrapping flights in the area.

The rains that began late Monday could prove a disastrous mix with the fine volcanic dust spewing from the volcano, 870 kilometers (540 miles) south of the capital Santiago near the border with Argentina, in Chile's Lago Ranco region.



PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - The death toll in floods sweeping Haiti hit 23 Tuesday, officials said, adding the rains had caused considerable damage in the Caribbean nation. "Most of the victims were counted in Petionville, a suburb to the east of the capital where 13 people were killed, most when their houses collapsed or were swept away in mudslides," said Nadia Lochard, from the civil protection agency. Seven people also died in Delmas, Carrefour and Christ-roi, all areas of the capital, Port-au-Prince, she told reporters. Three other people were killed in Centre region and Nippes to the west. The flooding "had caused considerable material damage" added another official Yolaine Surena. AFP/Photo

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Minister of Sports signs collaboration agreement with Olympic Committee



Last Thursday, Minister Richard Visser who has sports under his watch, signed an agreement to collaborate with the Aruba Olympic Committee

(COA). This agreement was to formalize the direct involvement of the Technical Commission of COA in the event that requests for subsidies are

presented by the Athletic Federations to the Subsidy Commission.

This agreement ensures that the Athletic Federations' requests for subsidy will be given due attention within the context of the data and technical information available. The Minister of Sports, through this means, will be guaranteed a just and effective allocation of the funds available for athletics on Aruba.

For quite some time the need existed for an effective and fair distribution of subsidy for athletic federations; and for this distribution to be based on unique and equal technical criteria of all federations.

After long deliberations with the COA and their Technical Commission; Technical Director, Lic. Edmundo Josiah; and the president of the

Technical Commission, Chu Halabi; financial adviser of the Ministry of Sports, Veroushka Croes, they were able to come to an agreement and to formalize their standpoints in a formal document.

The formal agreement signed on Thursday has as its main goal for the Technical Commission to offer technical advice to the Minister of Sports and to the Subsidy Commission. In addition it also stipulates that there will be permanent participation of the President of the technical Commission at meetings of the Subsidy Commission.

The agreement also specifies the procedure to be applied in the relationship between the Subsidy Commission and the Technical Commission. Through this means every federation will be duly notified of all aspects pertaining to their request for subsidies and how these are handled. This means that Aruba has now taken still another step towards excellence with respect to athletics.

The accompanying photos show the moment of the signing of the document with Minister Visser and COA President, Roy Mezas. Also present were secretary general of COA, Nicole Hoevertsz, Technical Director, Edmundo Josiah and President of the Technical Commission, Chu Halabi.

United Forces Foundation offering a helping hand, again!



SAN NICOLAS -- "Lend a helping hand to your neighbor!" This project, organized by the San Nicolaas based United Forces Foundation is designed to provide practical, tangible assistance with school items for our children in the barrios.

In the past United Forces Foundation has helped various children. They have returned to repeat this goodwill gesture once more. On Saturday morning, July 2nd they will be stationed at the Sta. Theresita parking lot from 8:30 am to 4:30 in the afternoon ready and eager to receive your gifts of school bags, writing utensils, exercise books, writing pads, etc. so our kids could return or go to school well equipped for the new school year.

They are appealing to every one, individuals, companies, banks, supermarkets, etc. to unite and offer a helping hand to our children who most need this kind of assistance at this time.

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Roderick Tapia named top student of Maria College

Prime Minister Eman commends his family



There are no words to express the joy of Roderick Tapia's parents; the 11-year-old Peruvian immigrant was named the top student in this year's graduating class from Maria College Middle School. Next school year he will continue his studies at Colegio Arubano – HAVO, a college preparatory program.

Roderick's mother, Giovanna, is coordinator at the Peruvian Consulate and his father, Jose, owns a construction company. Roderick's parents came to Aruba 16 years ago and together they worked hard for a good life for themselves and their 2 sons. Roderick also likes to play basketball, take piano classes and is an active participant all school events.

As his parents recounted to Prime Minister Mike Eman, Roderick is a very intelligent boy, he likes to learn and develop his mind. Minister Eman congratulated him for his achievement and encouraged him to do his very best in the classroom; this is the way to realize your dreams.

The Tapias expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to make a home on our island and be able to raise their 2 sons in a society that offers them a good education as a matter of course. They are a good example of dedication, discipline and perseverance and it appears their children have learned well from these excellent role models.

Congratulations Roderick.

United Forces Foundation...

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United Forces Foundation is a dedicated voluntary organization.

A very special appeal is directed to the people of San Nicolaas to unite in helping our children...this is a very worthy cause!

For more information you

may call anyone of the following persons: Dorinda Brown at 740-7789, Lauren Hilman at 734-7977, Jerry Arindell at 594-4414, Janine Rodriguez at 560-7388, or Claudia Withfield at 583-3779.

Island Airport Safety Committee convenes...

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A gift for Mario Bikker

"Airport audits are a learning experience for us all," he told island press, "we see the challenges each island faces regarding terrain and approach, and some require distinctly different safety procedures than others."

Current IASC President Nabil Pieters, Airport Duty Manager of the Curacao Airport, explained "We expect to learn a great deal from Aruba's airport, and they welcome our input in return. The importance of the IASC towards insuring the safety of air travelers to our islands has long been evident."

Airports Council International Regional Secretary Javier Martinez Botacio is also on island for the audit of the Reina Beatrix International Airport and stated he welcomes the opportunity to tour the facilities and examine this busy facility's procedures.

The arrival of the IASC



Regional Secretary of the Airports Council International





Outgoing president Anastacio Baker presents gifts to Jurgen Benshop

delegates on Monday afternoon and the opening of the week's activities were marked with an informal welcome party in the VIP of the Reina Beatrix Airport, where they were introduced to the AAA Management Team.


IASC Delegates presented Peter Steinmetz and each of his colleagues with a logo gift of this year's event, before getting down to the serious business of airport safety.

by Rosalie Klein



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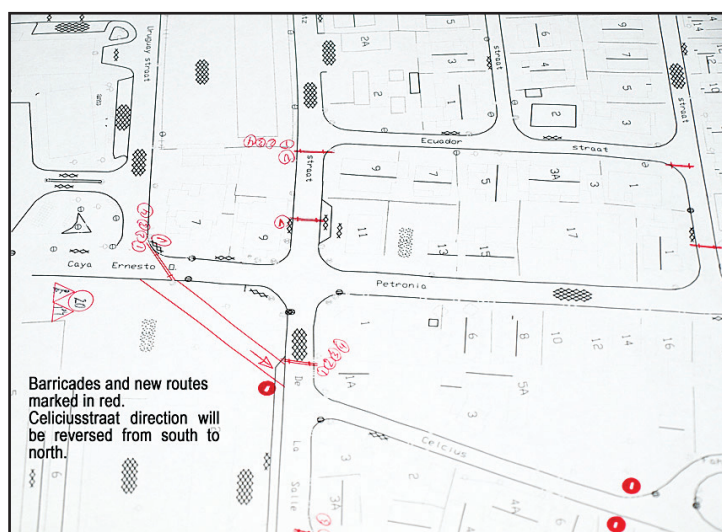


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Major Intersection in Oranjestad to be closed for repair during summer school break



Map of work intersection and changes

Director of the Department of Public Works, Jossy Figaroa, was assisted by Officer Kramers of the Aruba Police in announcing the closure of the intersection of Lasalle Straat and Caya Ernesto Petronia for major renovations and resurfacing.

The streets one block away from the Piet's Soda Fountain corner will be blocked off and an alternative route to the Lasalle Straat from Uruguay Straat will be set up as of Monday, June 13. The direction of the one way street,

Celsius Straat, will be changed from a southerly direction to traveling north, to continue the bypass of the intersection.

The work is expected to take 54 days. Greatly needed resurfacing of the asphalt and repair of the road foundation will take place, with additional drainage to relieve the heavy water accumulation that is prevalent at this intersection after brief showers.

Jossy Figaroa explained that DOW will take advantage of the summer school break to work on a number of important

routes, when traffic is usually lighter. The Santa Cruz – Sero Pita area will go into its second phase of repair on June 20. Work will begin in Bubali one week later on June 27 to be completed in two weeks time; L.G. Smith Boulevard by Ventweg will be resurfaced beginning July 4, this and the Sero

Pita work is projected to finish on August 5.

Other summer projects are planned, such as reconstruction of the Balashi Road on the western side of the bridge beginning on July 6; completion date is yet unknown.

Officials reminded the public that this is the best time of

year for them to commence and complete work on these major thoroughfares; they beg motorists' patience and cooperation as they implement plans to improve the infrastructure and beautify Aruba's roads.

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Sci-Tech

Solar tunnel powers part of Paris-Amsterdam train line



Workers install solar panels for the Hybrid solar lighting (HSL) tunnel in Brasschaat, Belgium,

ANTWERP, Belgium (AFP) — High-speed international trains linking Paris and Amsterdam as of Monday became the first in Europe to use electricity generated by solar panels installed in a tunnel on the line.

At a cost of 15.6 million euros, project managers say the 3.6-kilometer tunnel crossing Antwerp, in northern Belgium, is fitted with 16,000 solar panels covering 50,000 square meters, roughly eight football pitches.

The panels produce 3,300 megawatts per hour of electricity, or the average annual consumption of nearly 1,000 families.

The first "green train" left

Antwerp on Monday for the Dutch border. While it was filled as usual with commuters and students, for a dozen or so kilometers, its engines plugged into the solar energy source fitted along the line.

The electricity produced feeds into the line's infrastructure, for lighting, signals and in-train power points, said Frederic Sacre, spokesman for Infrabel, which runs the rail network.

The company hopes the project will allow it to develop new installations in the United States and other parts of the world, citing train hangars as ideal sites for such charging points in the future.

Oroumieh Lake turning to salt

TEHRAN, Iran -- Oroumieh Lake, some 370 miles (600 kilometers) northwest of Tehran, Iran is turning to salt, according to several reports. It was said to be the third largest saltwater lake in the world and a popular lake to migrating flamigos, gulls and pelicans.

However, 60% of the lake was said to have shrunk and may disappear entirely in just few years.

Business near the area and the tourism activities were said to have weekend because of this situation.

Reports said that the lake's lack of water was caused by misguided irrigation policies,



An abandoned boat is stuck in the solidified salts

development and the damming of rivers that feed it. Drought

Apple takes a giant leap into the 'iCloud'

SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) — Apple chief executive Steve Jobs has interrupted his medical leave to unveil a free service called iCloud that stores music, photos and other content on the Web and shares it across multiple devices.

"We're going to move the digital hub to the cloud," the 56-year-old Jobs told software developers at Apple's annual Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) at San Francisco's Moscone Center.

Jobs and other top Apple executives also gave developers a preview of the next generation of Lion, the software that powers Macintosh computers, and iOS 5, the latest mobile operating system for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch.

But the highlight of the event was Apple's long-awaited iCloud service, which eliminates the need to hook up a cable to transfer files between Apple devices.

"Keeping these devices in sync is driving us crazy," Jobs said to cheers from the

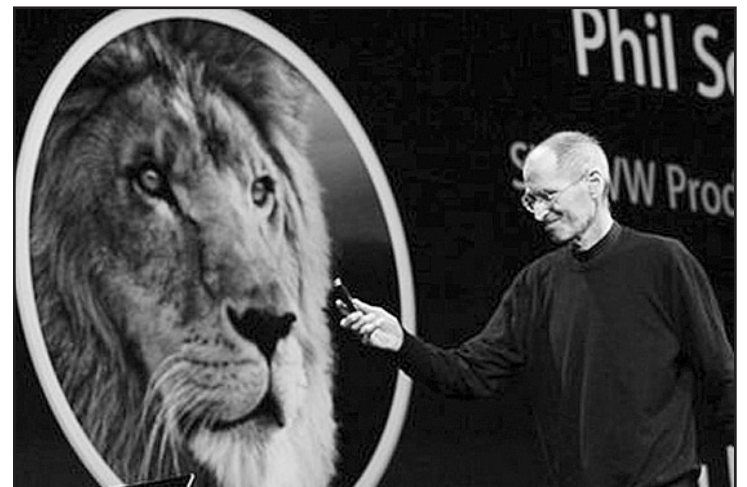


Photo shows Apple CEO Steve Jobs delivering the keynote address at the 2011 Apple World Wide Developers Conference

audience of more than 5,000 software developers. "We think the solution is our next big insight."

"iCloud stores your content in the cloud and automatically pushes it to all your devices," he said.

Apple said iCloud wirelessly synchronizes mail, contacts, calendars, photos, applications, e-books, music and other files across devices.

Apple's "iTunes in the

Cloud" shares music bought through iTunes across Apple devices while a Photo Stream service does the same with pictures.

For music not bought through iTunes, Apple is offering a service called "iTunes Match" for \$24.99 a year that matches music ripped from CDs in a subscriber's personal music collection and makes it available online

Xbox 360 with Kinect shows off new tricks at E3

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) — Microsoft yesterday added YouTube, voice commands, television shows and more to its Xbox 360 with Kinect as the hot-selling

videogame console matures into an entertainment center for all.

Studios joined Microsoft on the eve of a premier Electronics Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles to unveil blockbusters such as "Mass Effect 3" that let players use body motion or voice to execute tactics once the exclusive duty of toggles or buttons in controllers.

"Kinect is a natural way to converse with characters," said BioWare co-founder Ray

Muzyka, whose studio is behind hit videogame franchise "Mass Effect."

"In a game that already reacts to every decision you make, you will feel even more connected."

Microsoft has sold more than 10 million of the gesture-sensing Kinect accessories for the Xbox 360 consoles worldwide since they hit the market in November of last year.

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Health & Living

Killer bacteria may never be found

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) — Germany stepped up efforts yesterday to trace the source of a bacteria outbreak that has killed 25 amid warnings it might never be found, while the EU pledged aid for vegetable farmers hit by the scare.

After having been tripped up by several apparently false leads, German authorities had zeroed in on organic salad sprouts as the possible origin of the contamination with a highly virulent strain of E. coli.

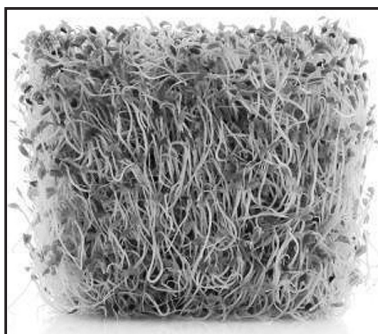
But initial probes carried out on a farm growing a variety of salad sprouts in the northern state of Lower Saxony proved negative.

Another lead in Hamburg, the epicentre of the outbreak, had involved salad sprouts from the same farm found in the refrigerator of a sickened man. But that sample also failed to display any trace of the bacterial strain.

As the scare has led puzzled officials to warn consumers off raw tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and

sprouts, the European Commission said it would ask EU states to release 150 million euros (\$220 million) in aid to hard-hit farmers.

European agriculture commissioner Dacian Ciolos urged



Alfalfa sprouts linked to latest E.coli outbreak

issue warnings on vegetables to the public even before full test results were known.

But opposition members have criticised the slow pace of the probe, suggesting that the country's federal system was partly to blame because public health matters are dealt with by both national and state authorities.

Lower Saxony Agriculture Minister Gerd Lindermann, who Sunday had said there were "clear indications" of a connection between a local salad sprout farm and areas contaminated, admitted a smoking gun might never be found.

Germany to quickly pinpoint the driver of the lethal bacterial strain, warning that consumers were losing confidence every day the outbreak remains a mystery.

Health officials in Hamburg had fingered organic cucumbers from Spain as the culprit last month before backtracking when tests came up negative.

The bacterium has killed at least 24 people in Germany, after two more deaths were reported Tuesday. The other fatality was a woman in Sweden who had recently returned from Germany.

The outbreak has left more than 2,300 ill, with symptoms ranging from bloody diarrhoea to, in full-blown cases, kidney failure.

The Robert Koch Institute, Germany's national health centre, said the rate of reported infections appeared to be tapering off.

Meanwhile German officials defended their decision to

Will a bedtime snack help me sleep better?

Eating a small snack a few hours before bedtime may help. There are no specific foods that help you sleep. But, it's a good idea to avoid certain foods late in the day. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

*Don't go to bed hungry. A light snack before bedtime can keep hunger pangs from waking you up. If you have diabetes, discuss nighttime snacks with your doctor.
*Avoid large, high-fat meals late in the day. Also avoid garlic-flavored and highly spiced foods. These foods can make you uncomfortable or cause heartburn.

*Avoid alcohol and caffeine.

*Don't drink too much liquid. Drinking lots of fluids before bed can cause you to wake up repeatedly to use the bathroom.

Everyone has trouble sleeping from time to time. But if you frequently have insomnia, see your doctor to find out what steps you can take to improve your sleep.



Caffeinated beverages fuel sleeplessness

US reviews birth control pill safety over clot risk



Woman holds prescription contraceptives

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The US Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday it is reviewing recently published studies which have pointed to an increased blood clot risk associated with a certain type of birth control pill.

The studies involve pills that contain drospirenone, as opposed to another type of

progestin known as levonorgestrel. Some brand names include Yaz, Yasmin, Beyaz, Ocella, Loryna, Gianvi, Safyral, Syeda and Zarah.

The European Medicines Agency concluded last week that such birth control pills carry a higher risk of venous thromboembolism and that warning labels should be updated accordingly.

However it noted the overall risk of blood clot from any birth control method remains small and stopped short of advising women to stop taking pills containing drospirenone.

The pills have been the focus of numerous lawsuits, including one lodged earlier this month on behalf of a teenager who died from a blood clot allegedly linked to the German chemical and

pharmaceutical company Bayer's Yaz contraceptive.

Michelle Pfleger, an 18-year-old college student in North Carolina, died of cardiac arrest last September after taking YAZ, also known as Yasmin or Ocella, to treat acne, according to the complaint.

Last month, two studies in the British Medical Journal found that drugs like Yaz and Yasmin increase the risk of serious blood clots three-fold or two-fold compared to earlier-generation oral contraceptives.

Bayer criticized the results of the studies at the time, insisting that side effects were rare.

The official Yaz website says the drug is associated with "increased risks of several serious side effects, including blood clots, stroke, and heart attack."



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“Gang di Arte” – final week for sign-ups!

ORANJESTAD -- During the Youth Gang Art week, our youth has an opportunity to shine and develop their creativity on stage. The Department of Culture has announced that this week is the final week to register for the biggest youth art competition of Aruba: “Gang di Arte.”

This year “Gang di Arte” celebrates its first lustrum... 5 years! For this reason, the Department of Culture is raising its competition to a new level. This year the winning prize will be geared towards the area of

specialization of the winner. The winner will also be the official representative of Gang di Arte at the different activities throughout the year. Gang di Arte has become a well known and much anticipated yearly event offering young people a platform for expression, experimentation and the presentation of their artistic creation to the general public.

This year’s theme is illusion. Each young person will create his/her original piece within the scope of the concept of illusion using their own particular format and

truly original creation. Again this year there will be several preparatory workshops to help each young person with their concept and artistic discipline within the scope of the competition.

“Gang di Arte” is in search of talented young people! If you are between 14 to 18 years of age, and have talent, and are creative and active in the area of visual art, video art, dance, DJ, literature, moda, multimedia, music and/or theater...you qualify!

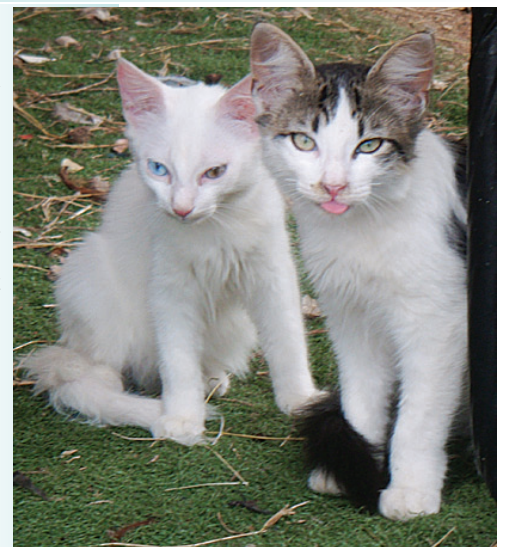
To register or for more information, call Jhon Freddy Montoyo at 565-6903 or send an email to teatroaruba@hotmail.com. Or join Facebook at: Gang di Arte Aruba 2011.

Here are the rules for participation:

1. an individual may participate, or you may prefer to participate as a group
2. each participant must be between 14 to 18 years of age
3. groups participating may not be more than 5 in the group
4. each person or group may select from the 8 artistic disciplines or modalities
5. the 8 disciplines are: a. dance, b. theater, c. music, d. visual art, e. design, fashion and photography, f. literature/poetry, g. video-art, h. interdisciplinary art.
6. the style or format used may be: modern, contemporary, traditional, vanguard, realism, abstract, etc.
7. fill out the form with your technical data
8. each participant must: a. attend all preparation meetings, all workshops, b. must present a truly original work long enough for a 5 minute presentation, c. each participant must adhere to all rules of participation.

Cas Animal Cont'd Something for cat lovers too

In our continuing series on Cas Animal, the foundation with a single dedicated volunteer, Kiki Arndt, we have featured several dogs in distress and need of assistance, as Kiki has made it her life’s work to rescue stray dogs and cats off the streets of Aruba, often needing surgery and medical care. Kiki keeps 71 dogs and 11 puppies at her home, helping



them to recover from physical injury and emotional abuse, always with the fervent hope that someone will adopt one of those she has saved. Many spend the remainder of their lives with her, as she maintains a strict no-kill policy.

Cats are also cared for at the home of a friend, where 38 felines reside. Kiki recently answered the call from another animal lover living in Noord, who found behind the Aruba Bank near Palm Beach, 2 females cats had given birth a few months ago. The mature cats are feral, but will come to their benefactor who feeds them regularly; together she and Kiki have managed to capture them and have them spayed, so there will be no more litters, and then returned them to this place where they feel comfortable. There are still six adorable young kittens in need of good homes; they are a beautiful mix of markings, including one all white cat with two different color eyes.

Every day Kiki receives phone calls from sympathetic individuals requesting her assistance; others are by people threatening to kill the dog or cat if she doesn’t take it away from their vicinity; hard to be-

lieve, but true.

Kiki is in the midst of planning some major fundraising events to finalize her dream of building a proper animal shelter on land awarded her by the current administration. She is still quite short of her goal as most donations go towards medical care for the animals and the huge amount of dog and cat food required each month.

If you wish to adopt one of these beautiful kittens or some local dog that has captured your heart, call Kiki at 565-2130 or 742-8732. It is not unusual for vacationers to return to their homes with one of our very appealing “cunucu dogs”, or a new feline member of the household. Transporting them to the U.S. or Europe is simple and she will walk you through the process. Kiki also maintains a free Animal Ambulance to transport sick or injured dogs to the vet’s office when their owners are unable to do so. Contributions can be made through CMB Bank account # 25762110 under the name of Cas Animal; also show your support by joining and liking her Facebook page, where you can follow the plight of stray animals on Aruba.

by Rosalie Klein

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RBC marks Caribbean rebranding with donation to Children's Cancer Fund

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad & Tobago – Suresh Sookoo, Chief Executive Officer, Caribbean Banking, RBC today reconfirmed a commitment to the RBC / R B T T



Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund, presenting Brian Lara, Chairman of the Cancer Treatment Foundation (CTF), the administrator of the Fund, with TT\$1.2 million (US\$187,500) to provide treatment for children 16 years of age and younger who are diagnosed with cancer.

Commenting on the donation Sookoo reiterated RBC's commitment to maintaining a strong presence in the community and to identifying and responding to its most critical needs.

"Hundreds of children across the region are battling paediatric cancer which requires prompt and specific treatment for successful results. To date the RBC/RBTT Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund has disbursed approximately TT\$1.5 million (US\$228,000) making it possible for 21 biopsy specimen tests to be performed and 11 children across the Caribbean, ranging in age from 2 to 16 to receive treatment," Sookoo said.

Today's cheque represents the third tranche of corporate funding which RBC has committed to the Fund. The Cancer Treatment Foundation will receive another two contributions of the same amount in 2012 and 2013 as part of a

five-year commitment by RBC to paediatric cancer. Last year, an additional TT\$1.3 million (US\$203,125) was given to the fund as a result of employee fundraisers and public donations across the region.

Parents or guardians of young persons 16 years and under, who are diagnosed with cancer and reside in the countries where RBC or RBTT operates, are encouraged to apply for assistance through any branch of the bank.

Today's cheque presentation was made at a ceremony to announce the start of formal operations under the RBC banner, with RBC Royal Bank replacing RBTT as the brand in Trinidad and Tobago, the home of RBC's Caribbean head office. In the coming months, RBTT operations across the Caribbean from Jamaica to the Eastern Caribbean and Barbados, to Curacao and Suriname, will all adopt the new RBC brand. The existing RBC operations in the Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos, Eastern Caribbean and Barbados will also move to the updated brand expression to create one RBC in the Caribbean.

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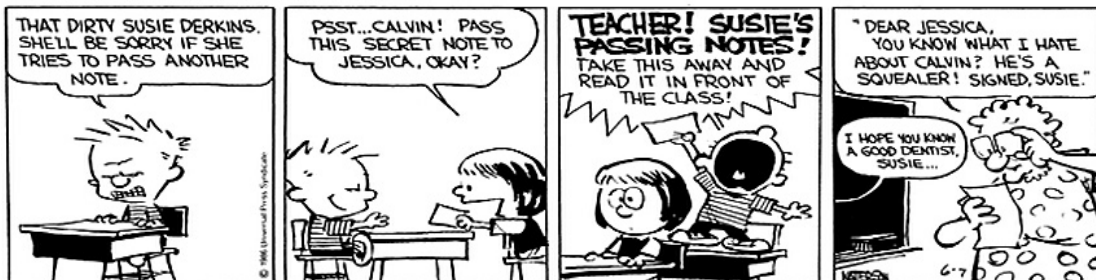
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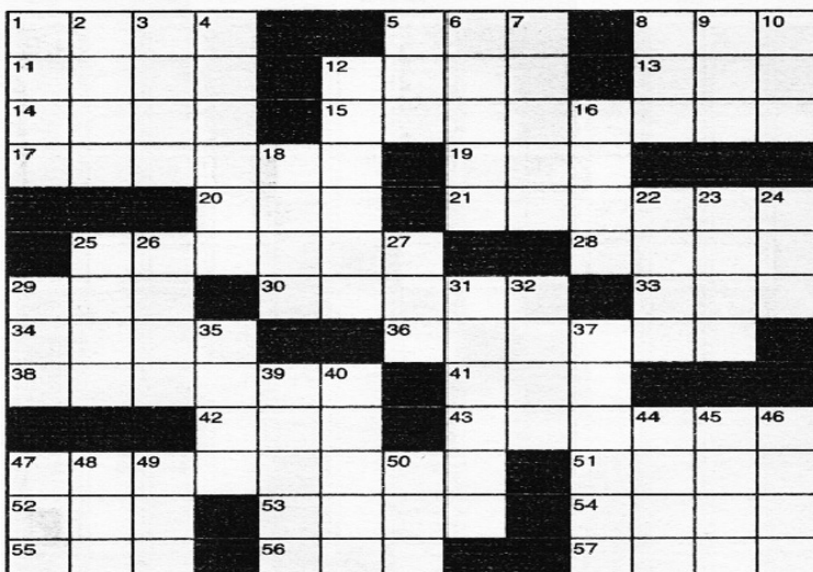
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29. Supporter
30. From then on
33. Movie studio inits.
34. "Puttin' on the ___"
36. Philadelphia team
38. Gnat, e.g.
41. Shad product
42. ___ Lanka
43. Valuable belongings

47. Disdain
51. Not fast
52. U-boat
53. Farrow and others
54. Korbut of gymnastics
55. Curve
56. McMahon and others
57. Broadway lighting

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3. Onion shape
4. Shops
5. Winter mo.
6. Televised
7. Broadway production

8. "X-Files" org.
9. Drivers license issuers (abbr.)
10. Impress greatly
12. Honolulu's locale
16. Crooned
18. Twilights
22. Roosevelt coin
23. Easter Bunny's cargo
24. Lip
25. Abel's brother
26. Industrious insects
27. Compass pt.
29. After Thurs.
31. Gem weights
32. Selves
35. Lemon shavings
37. Pupil's assignment
39. ___ de menthe
40. Fearful
44. She (Fr.)
45. "Is that for here or ___?" (2 wds.)
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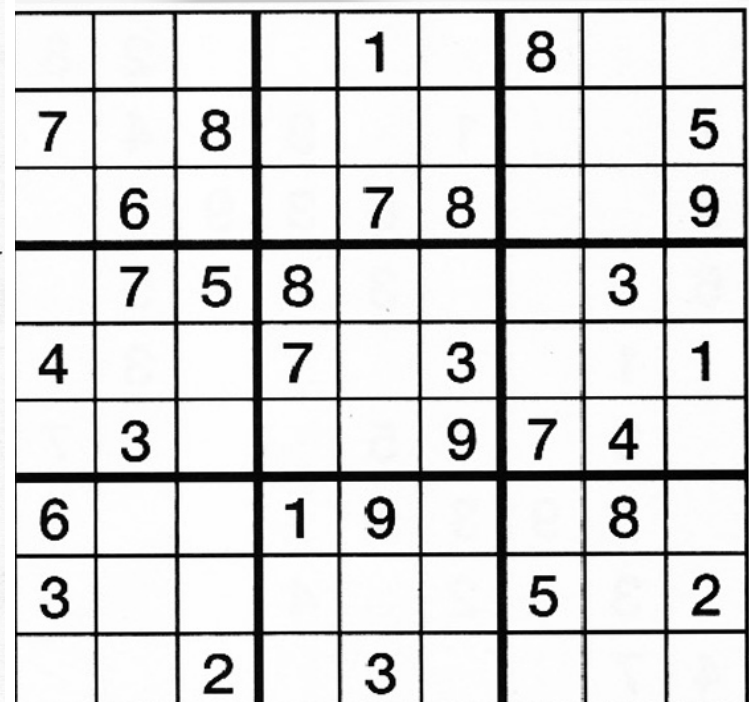
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

Finance

Dominate your Market



I recently spoke at a friend's seminar in Los Angeles, and while I was having coffee in the hallway during the break, someone asked me if I would tell him what I thought the most powerful marketing strategy was.

I told him that it didn't have anything to do with referrals, advertising, or any of the other methods used to create a customer.

Before any of those methods will ever have an impact on your business, you have got to uncover and communicate a way in which your business is different from every other business that says they do what you do. You have got to create a simple idea or position in the mind of your prospective customer or client.

You must create an environment where your prospective customer or client will think of you immediately when they need what you have to offer.

Fed Ex with its "Overnight" theme, and Domino's Pizza with its "Delivered In 30 Minutes Or It's Free" promise, are a couple examples.

Another example is how I am offering those of you who do business-to-business selling to put your own title page on my "10 Marketing Mistakes That Steal Your Cash" book and gift it to your B2B customers...free of charge to you. I also allow you to use this newsletter to help you grow your business; you can use it in your newsletter, on your website, or any way that will help you grow. Just let me know when you do so.

When you offer additional benefits like these to your B2B customers, you now become not only the person who provides your product, but also someone who wants to help them grow their business and get more customers. See the difference?

Here are a few more examples:

Whatever business you are in, you can make arrange-

ments with a car wash to detail your customer's vehicle whenever they visit you. If you're an accountant, while you are preparing their return, you can have their vehicle cleaned. I bet when they leave, they will rave to their friends about this unique touch.

How about becoming dominant with your offer? I know of an accounting firm that offers their clients a 100% refund on their preparation fee when they refer four new clients. They are known as the 100% refund guys.

Here's the last one. Solve a problem. Is there something that customers or prospects fear in your market or seem to believe is universal for what you do? If so, create a system of communicating how you have the answers. For instance: "Painless Dentistry".

I'm sure you can offer a guarantee that no one in your industry would dream of doing. When I had my insurance company, the department of Insurance said that our customers had a free 30-day look. They could ask for a refund if they didn't want the product.

I turned that into a guarantee. "If within the next 30 days you feel our product doesn't meet your expectations, just return it and we will refund the money you gave us."

I don't know why a guarantee scares most business owners. You probably guarantee your work anyway. You just don't say so. Boldly announce that you guarantee results and watch what happens.

Put your creative head gear on and I bet you will come up with a few ways to dominate your market and become the "one" to buy from.

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Food prices to stay high into 2012: UN

ROME, Italy (AFP) – Food prices are to remain high and volatile into 2012, presenting a "threat" to poor countries that will have to spend up to a third more on food imports this year, the UN food agency said on Tuesday.

The Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said its food price index averaged 232 points in May -- down from a revised estimate of 235 points in April but was still 37 percent above its level in May 2010.

"High and volatile agricultural commodity prices are likely to prevail for the rest of this year and into 2012," FAO said in a statement.

The reason for the monthly decline was the slight decrease in international prices of cereals and sugar, which offset increases for meat and dairy.

FAO said the next few months will be "critical" -- with encouraging prospects for the wheat harvests in Russia and Ukraine but a potential for lower maize and wheat yields in Europe and North America due to the weather.

"The general situation for agricultural crops and food commodities is tight with world prices at stubbornly high levels, posing a threat to many low-income food deficit countries," said David Hallam, head of FAO's markets division.

FAO said the cost of global food imports is set to reach a record of \$1.29 trillion (879 billion euros) in 2011 -- 21 percent more than in 2010.

Low-income food deficit countries and least developed countries will likely have to spend 27 and 30 percent more respectively on food imports, FAO said.

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Facebook, Microsoft back AT&T's T-Mobile buy

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - Facebook, Microsoft, Oracle, Yahoo! and other technology leaders have come out in support of AT&T's proposed \$39 billion acquisition of T-Mobile saying it could help meet rising demand for wireless broadband.

"The FCC must seriously weigh the benefits of this merger and approve it," the companies said. "Such action will help to meet the near term wireless broadband needs of consumers and ensure that we are globally competitive as the world increasingly embraces wireless broadband connec-

tivity."

The other four signatories to the letter to the FCC in support of the proposed takeover of T-Mobile, the US unit of Germany's Deutsche Telekom, by AT&T were Avaya, Brocade, Qualcomm and Blackberry maker Research In Motion.

Rival Sprint Nextel has come out strongly against the deal, which would give AT&T around 40 percent of the market and make it the top US wireless carrier. Verizon is currently number one, followed by AT&T, Sprint Nextel and T-Mobile.

EU vows to raise farm aid offer after E. coli outbreak

LUXEMBOURG, (AFP) - The European Commission vowed Tuesday to put up more money to aid vegetable farmers reeling from a bacteria outbreak after EU states dismissed a first offer of 150 million euros as insufficient.

Spain and France said the figure presented by the EU's executive arm was well short of the losses suffered by growers whose lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers have been shunned by frightened consumers and banned by Russia.

European agriculture commissioner Dacian Ciolos made the offer at an E. coli crisis meeting of farm ministers in Luxembourg and came out of the talks pledging to write a "substantially" bigger cheque.

He indicated he would come up with a new figure as early as today, but warned that

it would be difficult to meet demands for full compensation after he proposed to cover 30 percent of losses.

Warning that consumers are losing confidence every day that the outbreak remains a mystery, Ciolos urged German authorities to quickly find the real source of the outbreak that has killed 24 people and whose epicentre is in Hamburg.

Spain, fuming after German authorities wrongly blamed its cucumbers for the outbreak, says the crisis is costing its growers 225 million euros (\$330 million) a week.

The European farmers group, COPA-COGECA, says the crisis is costing the sector 417 million euros per week.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with



own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, house-keeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.



the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their



The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin



Jim and Callie from Michigan

restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this delicious picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

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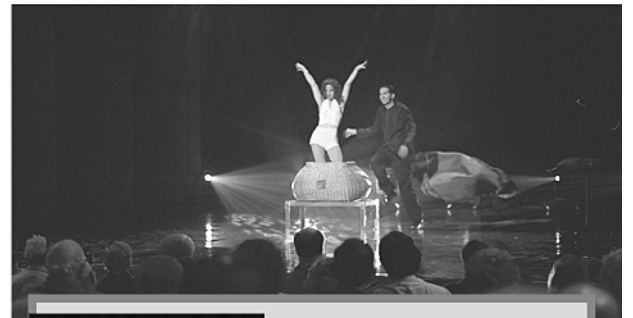
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Michael Jackson 'Thriller' jacket to be auctioned



Videographers photograph a replica of Michael Jackson's Thriller outfit and other costumes on display at the world premiere of the Michael Jackson's.

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – The iconic black and red jacket worn by Michael Jackson in his "Thriller" video is to go under the hammer at a two-day Music Icons Exhibition in Beverly Hills.

The jacket is among 600 items that will go on sale at Julien's Auction Gallery, including memorabilia from musicians such as The Beatles, Madonna and Lady Gaga,

Frank Sinatra, Elvis and Justin Bieber on June 25 and 26.

Jackson's Thriller jacket became the prototype for future costumes for the pop musician. The calf leather jacket includes an inscription by Jackson on the inside lining.

Estimated at a value of \$200,000 to \$400,000, a portion of the proceeds will go to The Shambala Preserve, which is home to Jackson's

two Bengal tigers, "Thriller" and "Sabu."

Jackson's personal doctor, Conrad Murray has been charged with manslaughter after the pop icon died suddenly on June 25, 2009.

Prosecutors allege that Murray "abandoned his patient" after administering the powerful sedative propofol to help Jackson sleep.

Murray has denied the accusations and said that on the day of the 50-year-old singer's death, he administered only a small amount of the drug. His trial has been postponed until September.



Titanic II sinks in harbour on maiden voyage



Boats gather for a ceremony to mark the 100th anniversary of the launch of the Titanic, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on May 31 2011.

LONDON, England (AFP) – Most people would think twice before buying a boat named Titanic II. And sure enough, when Briton Mark Wilkinson took the 16-foot (4.8-metre) cabin cruiser out for its maiden voyage, it promptly sank.

"If it wasn't for the harbour-master I would have gone down with the Titanic," Wilkinson, who had to be fished out of the sea at West Bay harbour in Dorset, told local media.

"It's all a bit embarrassing and I got pretty fed up with people asking me if I had hit

an iceberg."

Wilkinson, in his 40s, had only recently bought the boat and brought it by road from his home in Birmingham for its first outing.

After a successful fishing trip, things started to go wrong when he entered the harbour and the boat began taking on water. Wilkinson was forced to abandon ship and pictures showed him clinging to a rail before he was rescued.

One eyewitness said: "It wasn't a very big boat -- I think an ice cube could have sunk it!"

Serena Williams to join Venus in Eastbourne return



Serena Williams, seen here in 2010

LONDON, England (AFP) – Serena Williams will make her return to tennis after missing almost a year with injury and illness as she takes a wild card entry into next week's Eastbourne grass-court tournament, tournament officials said Tuesday.

The 29-year-old one-time world number one who now stands 25th after her months of inactivity, joins her sister Venus in the field at the English south coast beach town.

"I'm so excited to be healthy enough to compete again," the American said in a statement.

"These past twelve months have been extremely tough and character building. I have so much to be grateful for. I'm thankful to my family, friends, and fans for all of their support. Serena's back!"

Serena last played on the WTA as she won a fourth Wimbledon title in July, 2010 beating Vera Zvonareva in straight sets in the final.

Little more than a week later, she suffered what was described by her management as a cut on her foot suffered while exiting a German restaurant. She later underwent surgery on the medical problem which was never fully explained.

She stayed away from match play but was highly visible in the Hollywood and fashion worlds with foot cast

and crutches during her down time.

The 29-year-old was then hit by a blood clot in her lungs last February and was rushed to hospital in Los Angeles for an operation to remove it.

Her main means of communication with the outside world has been her Twitter account, with Tweets never speaking of any tennis plans.

She did drop a hint in April as she sent out a picture of herself on a practise court hitting in a skin-tight, hot-pink bodysuit which said more about fashion and less about actual competition.

The younger Williams has also avoided the tennis topic

in recent days, comparing her "booty" to that of six-time French Open winner Rafael Nadal, complaining about not fitting into a pair of jeans and plugging products linked to her for sale on various home shopping networks.

Former number one Williams owns 13 Grand Slam titles, including four at Wimbledon. The Eastbourne tune-up ends two days before the June 20 start at the All England club.

Venus Williams, ranked 32nd, will be competing for the first time since January 21 in Melbourne, when she was beaten in the Australian Open third round by Germany's Andrea Petkovic.

The elder sibling has been suffering with an abdominal muscle injury which has kept her off of the WTA ever since. Venus last played Eastbourne in 1998, standing 1-2 at the venue.

The men's side of the tournament will feature Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Australian Lleyton Hewitt.

Joining the Williams sisters will be new French Open champion Li Na as well as 2010 Paris winner Francesca Schiavone and 2008 Roland Garros winner Ana Ivanovic.

Germany hammer Holland in World Cup warm-up

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) – Hosts and defending champions Germany continued their preparations to host the women's World Cup, which starts on June 26, with a 5-0 hammering of Holland in Aachen, west Germany, on Tuesday.

Having lifted the world title four years ago in China, Silvia Neid's side are bidding for a hat-trick of titles and

their impressive form continued as they ran the Netherlands ragged.

Having already beaten North Korea 2-0 and Italy 5-0 in their two previous warm-up matches, Germany have now scored 12 goals without reply, but face former World Cup holders Norway in their final warm-up game on June 16.

Germany's chief playmaker Fatmire Bajramaj, the most expensive player in women's Bundesliga history, shone as she played the first half and the 23-year-old is set to be a star of the world cup.

Okoyino da Mbabi also stood out in front of 11,136 spectators at the Aachen stadium and opened the scoring.

Germany open their campaign when they host Canada in Group A at Berlin's Olympic Stadium on Sunday June 26.



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Dutchman Jol named new Fulham manager

LONDON, England (AFP) – Experienced Dutchman Martin Jol was named the new manager of Premier League side Fulham on Tuesday, replacing Mark Hughes who resigned last week after one season in charge.

The 55-year-old former Tottenham boss has agreed an initial two-year contract with the option of a further 12 months.

Jol, who was sacked by Spurs in 2007, was linked with the Fulham role last year but Dutch club Ajax refused to release him from his post as head coach.

He has been out of work since quitting Ajax last December and said he was excited at returning to England.

"I am very happy to join Fulham football club, a wonderful traditional club," he told Fulham's website. "It is a club with good, solid foundations and a great fan base."

Jol said he had already discussed bolstering Fulham's squad this summer in a meeting with owner Mohammed Al Fayed.

"Yesterday we had a good conversation about players and where we can try to strengthen and get one or two quality players," he said.

Al Fayed, the multi-millionaire former owner of the Harrods department store,



Experienced Dutchman Martin Jol, seen here in 2010.

said Jol was the right man to lead the club into the future.

"He understands my vision for the club, and believes in what we are striving to achieve here," Al Fayed said.

"I know that he will dedicate himself to helping us move forward, and is with us for the long term, to help us build and progress."

"We have enjoyed three incredibly successful years, and my hopes and dreams for this club are for that journey to continue."

Hughes guided Fulham to an eighth-place finish in the just-completed season before quitting.

Although the Welshman immediately brushed off speculation linking him with the vacancy at Premier League rivals Aston Villa, it is believed he is now in contention for the job.

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Hurting Tiger pulls out of US Open

BETHESDA, Maryland (AFP) – Former World No. 1 Tiger Woods, a 14-time major champion chasing the all-time record of 18 won by Jack Nicklaus, said Tuesday that he will not play in next week's US Open golf tournament.

Woods suffered a sprained left knee and strained left Achilles tendon in the third round of the Masters in April and withdrew in pain from last month's US PGA Players Championship after completing only nine holes.

"I am extremely disappointed that I won't be playing in the US Open, but it's time

for me to listen to my doctors and focus on the future," Woods said in a posting on his website.

"I was hopeful that I could play, but if I did, I risk further damage to my left leg. My knee and Achilles tendon are not fully healed."

Woods made the announcement with a posting on his Twitter microblogging website, saying "Not playing in US Open. Very disappointed. Short-term frustration for long-term gain."

The injuries have prevented Woods from putting in the practice time he needs to prop-

erly prepare for the 111th US Open, which begins a week from Thursday at Congressional Country Club, the suburban Washington where Woods won a PGA event two years ago.

"We're very disappointed Tiger Woods won't be playing," US Golf Association executive director Mike Davis said. "We completely understand that he is not fully recovered from his injuries and we wish him a speedy recovery."

Woods, a three-time US Open champion, has not missed the US Open since 1994, when he had just completed high school.

Winless in 22 starts over 20 months since the revelation of his secret sex life that led to a divorce from Elin Nordegren, Woods has fallen to 15th in the world rankings, seventh among Americans.

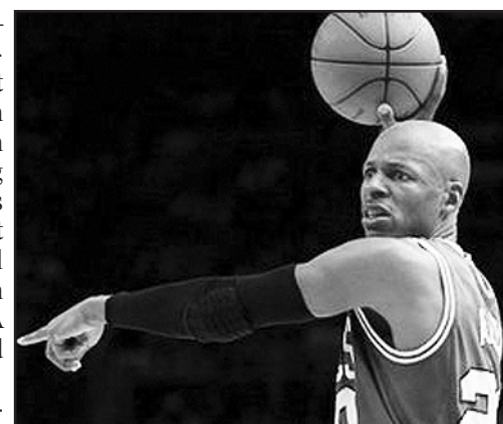
Allen exercises option to rejoin Celtics

BOSTON (AFP) – Ray Allen exercised his contract option to remain with the Boston Celtics, keeping intact the team's "Big Three" unit of Allen, Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett, the NBA team announced Tuesday.

Garnett is entering the final year of his contract while Pierce is set for three more seasons with the Celtics, who lost to Miami in the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Star shooting guard Allen, set to start his 16th season, established a career NBA record for 3-pointers last season at 2,612 and his 22,286 points rank 24th on the all-time list.

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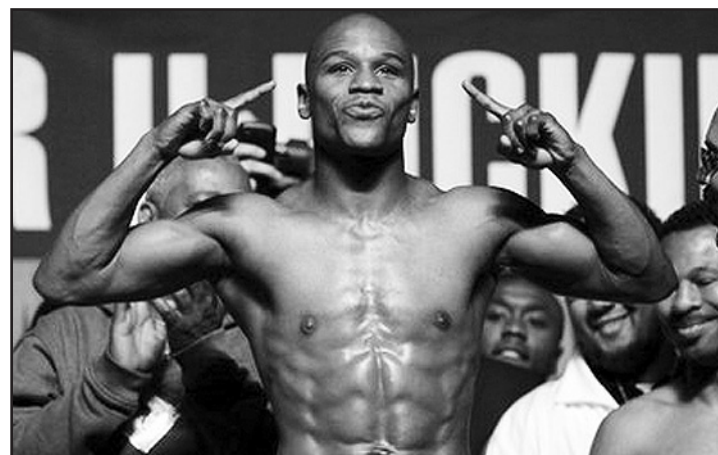


Ray Allen, pictured in April 2011

joined the Celtics from Seattle and Garnett came from Minnesota, Boston won its record 17th NBA title.

The Celtics lost superstar center Shaquille O'Neal to retirement last week after an injury-nagged final campaign. Boston traded away big man Kendrick Perkins to Oklahoma City during the season.

Mayweather to end layoff against Ortiz



LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AFP) – Unbeaten US boxing star Floyd Mayweather said Tuesday he will end a 16-month layoff on September 17 when he fights countryman Victor Ortiz for the World Boxing Council welterweight title.

Mayweather, 41-0 with 25

knockouts, has not climbed into the ring since May of last year when he won a unanimous 12-round decision over Shane Mosley but he announced on his Twitter microblogging page that he was ready to return.

"My fans have been wait-

ing long enough. Floyd Mayweather vs Victor Ortiz. Sept. 17 2011 for the WBC World Championship," Mayweather tweeted.

Southpaw Ortiz, 29-2-2 with 22 knockouts, claimed the WBC crown last April with a unanimous 12-round decision over previously undefeated Andre Berto of the United States.

Countered Ortiz: "I know he will be ready, but so will I. I'm a world champion for a reason and I am not going to let go of my title any time soon."

Fight fans have waited for years to see Mayweather face Filipino icon Manny Pacquiao, but talks have failed and the fighters have battled other foes instead.



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NBC keeps US Olympic television rights

NEW YORK (AFP) – NBC outbid Fox and ABC-ESPN to retain Olympic television broadcasting rights in the United States through 2020, the network announced on Tuesday in a posting on the NBC Sports website.

NBC, which already holds US rights for next year's London Summer Olympics, won the rights for the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics, the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Summer Olympics, in addition to the unawarded 2018 and 2020 Olympic Games.

NBC acquired the broadcast rights across all media

platforms, including free-to-air television, subscription television, internet and mobile. The total agreement is valued at \$4.38 billion.

After the departure of former NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol last month, Comcast-owned NBC was thought to be in trouble in the bidding against News Corporation's Fox and Disney's ABC-ESPN.

NBC lost \$223 million on last year's Vancouver Winter Olympics coverage and is expected to lose money on coverage next year from London.

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Rome banned from finals after Horton knockout

BOSTON, Massachusetts (AFP) – A punishing check by Vancouver's Aaron Rome on Boston right wing Nathan Horton has knocked both players out of the remainder of the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup Final.

The Bruins announced Tuesday that Horton will miss the remainder of the best-of-seven championship series with a severe concussion and the NHL imposed a four-game suspension on Rome for his late hit in Monday's 8-

1 Boston victory.

It was the longest suspension ever imposed for a violation taking place in the Stanley Cup Final. There have been only three prior suspensions in final history, each of them for only one game.



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